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The following lists chemicals unobtainable in the DDR or are

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be reduced to 25,000 tons. A substitute consisting of Thomasmehl and incandescent phosphate (Glühphosphat) is imported from the Soviet Union.

2. Iron Pyrites: Annual imports amount to 200,000

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5. Fatty Acid for Soap Industry: Annual imports amount to 12,000 tons,

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6. Technical Vegetable Fat and Oil: There is no production in the DDR, and 100,000 tons per year are imported

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7. Vehicle Tires: Annual imports amount to 10,000. During the Five Year Plan, import requirements are to be reduced by 20 per cent each year, until, by 1955, needs are to be covered by synthetic rubber production.

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9. Auxiliary Materials for Textile Industry: Five hundred tons are

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10. Vegetable Tanning Agents: Annual imports amount to 1,500 tons. Between 200 and 300 tons of [] quebracho were imported annually but these imports have now been terminated. Each year [] 1,200 to 1,300 tons of oak and spruce extract are imported []. This extract has about one-fifth the effective strength of quebracho.

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11. Natural Rubber: Annual imports amount to approximately 3,000 tons, coming mainly from the USSR.

12. Photo Gelatin: At least 400 tons are imported annually. []

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13. Casein: Five hundred tons are imported annually []

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14. Copal: Three hundred tons are imported annually, []

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15. Titanium Dioxide: One thousand tons are imported each year, []

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16. Inorganic Paints: Imports amount to 2,000 tons annually []

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17. Red Lead: Two thousand tons are imported per year []. This product is a key shortage, and is used in the manufacture of electric bulbs, optical and fine glass.

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18. Insulin: Planned imports in 1952 amount to 70 million units; in 1953, 50 million units; in 1954, 20 million units; and in 1955, none. By 1955, the plant at Jenapharm, Jena, is supposed to be able to supply the DDR demand.

19. Caffeine: In 1952, 3,000 kg. are to be imported. The supply is then to be filled by synthetic caffeine []. It is alleged that, beginning in 1953, caffeine will be ready for export from the DDR at far under the present world market prices.

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20. Castor Oil: The DDR imports 550 tons annually []. There is no production in the DDR.

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21. Linseed Oil: Six hundred tons are imported annually, exclusively from [] and the Satellite States.

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